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This is to acknowledge your letter of 19 August 1947. If we have seemed to by-pass you in planning the survey trip, it is only because all planning prior to the official conclusion of the reciprocal agreement has been on an extremely tentative basis.

It is believed here [Redacted] that the original contacts at the new location should be on a very high formal level. Tentative plans have been for CIG representatives from here to make these initial contacts, accompanied by you or another representative of your mission. At the same time the survey team would be in process of assembly and would proceed after initial contacts were established. It is considered desirable that [Redacted] be the Washington representatives on this team, if possible, [Redacted] to provide acquaintance with recent engineering developments which might otherwise be overlooked and to insure standardization of FBIS engineering equipment and practices, and [Redacted] to bring with him the most centralized knowledge of coverage problems and potentialities, as well as his experience in testing in the Far East. The remainder of the team should be made up of your own employees, of which probably two would be required, and [Redacted] if that arrangement is approved.

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In regard to your specific recommendations:

A. Someone should certainly investigate the possibilities of local recruiting, but that must be postponed until after initial contacts are made. There should be time enough then.

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B. A request for approval of the [Redacted] loan was submitted some time ago and is at present in the hands of the Legal Counsel. I have no reason to believe that it will not be approved.

C. The possibility of obtaining test equipment on loan can be investigated immediately to the extent that such inquiries can be made in [Redacted]

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D. The installation of what equipment you have in a trailer for later shipment, with a jeep, to the new location is a good idea, and can be acted upon as soon as the agreement is concluded and we are able to make definite plans.

As arrangements become more definite, we will coordinate the detailed planning between us.

Very truly yours,

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Acting Chief, FBI

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